

Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822)
Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway
Rock Island County, Illinois

FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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The recommended action consists of construction of approximately 3.2 kilometers (2.0 miles) of four-lane access-controlled divided highway crossing the Rock River, connecting the Milan Beltway in Milan to the John Deere Expressway in Moline. The purpose of the action is to provide additional transportation capacity over the Rock River and to avoid the need to reconstruct IL 5 (Blackhawk Road) through Blackhawk State Historic Site. The no-action alternative was the only other alternative considered. Primary environmental impacts of the proposed action are expected to be: displacement of five residences and eleven businesses, permanent loss of 9.0 hectares (22.3 acres) of wetlands, removal of 6.6 hectares (16.2 acres) of forested areas, and filling of 10.8 hectares (26.7 acres) of the Rock River floodplain. Approximately 47.1 hectares (116.5 acres) of land will be converted to right-of-way. An additional 29.3 hectares (72.3 acres) will be acquired for wetland mitigation. This proposed action attempts to address public concerns related to ice jam flooding and to reduce traffic through the Black Hawk State Historic Site.